GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PUNISHMENT TO SCHOOL CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware about the recent report appearing in leading Newspapers about growing trend in corporal punishment to school children;

(b) if so, whether there is proposal to ban the physical punishment to children in schools; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Government of India has been taking serious note of the incidents of physical punishment to children in schools. The National Policy on Education and the International Convention on the Rightsof the Child have explicitly mentioned that any form of corporal punishment should be firmly excluded from the educational system. All the State and UT Governments have been repeatedly advised to take appropriate action to prevent torture to students in the name of punishment or otherwise. They have also been advised to initiate a change in the teaching learning process where there is no scope for any punishment to be inflicted on children.